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Georgia Credit Union Foundation Raises Funds to Assist Haiti

DULUTH, GA (March 22, 2010) – The devastating earthquake that occurred in Haiti in January made a huge impact all over the world. The quake impacted individuals, businesses and the country’s financial services system, including credit unions. With an estimated 400,000 credit union members in Haiti, the worldwide credit union movement quickly responded by collecting donations.

Through the generous donations of over two dozen credit unions, one chapter and three individuals in Georgia, the Georgia Credit Union Foundation (GCUF) collected more than \$25,000 for the Haiti relief effort, and recently sent the donation to the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU). “So many people were affected by this earthquake and we were glad to do what we could to support the WOCCU’s efforts to help those in need during these very difficult and sad times,” said Dan Denning, executive director of the Georgia Credit Union Foundation.

According to WOCCU, credit unions that are still standing have used their existing network to help displaced members of damaged institutions access their accounts with biometric identification cards allowing them to receive much needed remittances. Since beginning its Haiti fundraising campaign, WOCCU has helped credit union staff with funds to provide immediate relief, including food, clothing and tents for shelter and offices.

WOCCU has partnered with Food for the Poor to provide general relief to people in the immediate Port-au-Prince area. When damage to all credit union facilities has been estimated, a formal rebuilding program will begin to get credit union doors reopened and assist them in helping as many members as possible. This might include things such as helping rebuild credit unions as necessary, training credit union staff to implement emergency loan programs and advising credit unions on crisis management strategies.

The Georgia Credit Union Foundation is committed to helping credit unions and credit union people through scholarships, grants, disaster relief and direct consultative support. Many

donations are still being made to CUAid, the first national online giving center for credit unions. These funds are then directed to the National Credit Union Foundation (NCUF) Disaster Relief Fund. To donate to the Haitian relief efforts, visit www.CUAid.coop.

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